

A regular meeting of the Members of the Board of Education of the Goshen Central School District, Orange County, New York, was held in the Board of Education Room at the Main Street School on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Judy Green, President
Mrs. Martha Bogart, Vice-President
Mr. Jeremy Cassel
Mr. Michael Lorenzo
Mr. Thomas Mullane
Mr. Jason Pucci
Mrs. Allison Salte

Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Daniel Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Business	Mr. Robert Miller
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel & Technology	Mr. Kurtis Kotes
Principals:	Absent
Assistant Principals:	Absent
Elementary Coordinator	Absent
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Absent
Director of Facilities III	Mr. James Riley
Director of Transportation	Absent
Director of Pupil Personnel Services	Mrs. Deidre Hallinan
CSE Chairperson	Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
Network Administrators	Absent
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District	

The regular meeting was called to order President, Mrs. Judy Green at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering the family of Bruce Cullen, former teacher at the Middle School and Board Member. Mrs. Bogart shared her memories of Mr. Cullen with the Board.

Meeting Called to Order

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the draft of the minutes for the meeting of September 19, 2016.

Approval of Minutes

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for July 2016 was acknowledged under Financial Update.

Treasurer's Report

The board received the following correspondence: NYSSBA Area 9 Update; an invitation to 37th Annual Jelly Bean Day; and various newspaper articles.

Correspondence

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

Nugent & Haeussler discussed with the Board the findings of their 2015-2016 Financial Audit. Mr. Sassi met with the Audit Committee on September 26, 2016. Three reports (Audit Report, Federal Awards and Extraclassroom Activity Funds) were reviewed with the Audit Committee. All three received the best results which are unmodified or "clean" opinions. The District is in very good financial position. The District has enough funds to meet its obligations. It has a strong cash position and liabilities are at a minimum. The District has done a good job with establishing reserves and keeping the tax levy under the 2% cap. Mr. Sassi commented that Mr. Miller keeps the District in good financial order. He feels that Mr. Miller treats the finances of the District as if they were his own accounts. Goshen has been hard hit with tax certiorari claims, but the District has been well reserved to meet those claims.

President's Report

Mrs. Bogart commended Nugent & Haeussler for always being willing to meet with the Board to discuss their findings, which helps make the public aware of the District's finances. She further thanked Mr. Sassi for being available for advice on issues as they arise throughout the year.

Mr. Pucci, member of the Audit Committee (along with Allison Salte and Jeremy Cassel), had a good meeting with Mr. Sassi. He thanked Mr. Sassi, Mr. Miller and the Business Office for all their work.

The Board commended Mr. Miller for his hard work and sound fiscal steerage.

There was no legislative update.

Legislative Report

Matt Milnamow from LAN Associates reviewed with the Board, revisions made to the preliminary submission plan to NYSED, which were the result of the Board's direction from the September 26th Board Workshop. Items included in the scope of work that were discussed were:

- Addition of the practice synthetic turf field with organic crumb.
- Increased contingency money associated with the Smart School Bond Act upgrades from 10% to 20% until the District receives a more firm estimate back from Core BTS.
- Renovating the sidewalks & retaining wall in front of the "A" wing, as well as the sidewalk to Scotchtown Avenue. Concrete will be the material used, not pavers.
- Improving natural irrigation to fields.
- Addition of the 4th new classroom to the new wing.

Other changes to the preliminary submission plan that were added due to information which were not known prior to last week were:

- Addition of a stage sprinkler system. This is required by code if:
 1. Fly loft is greater than 50 feet (ours is not); or
 2. Size of the stage is over 1,000 sq. ft. (ours would be 1,100+ sq. ft.)The sprinkler system would be dedicated just for the stage area.
- Kitchen renovation change. Food Service consultant determined the kitchen space does not need to be as large as anticipated. With the extra space, an additional small group instruction (SGI) room is added.
- New HVAC system in Music suite: New spaces that are being created from the relocation of walls will not have adequate air circulation with the current HVAC system located in the current workshop. The new system would be located on the roof, with ductwork to the new reconfigured rooms.
- Information Technology Consultant Costs: Increase due to having to bid the IT plan component, which was not expected prior to the September 26th Board Meeting.
- Architectural Fees: Increased based on a % of the construction.

The "A" option includes all the options included above. The "B" option moves the second turf field and irrigation of natural grass fields to a "B" list and is lower in estimated cost. The turf field and irrigation would not be aid able and would probably cause an increase to the tax levy. These can still be completed if bids come in less than anticipated or there are extra funds after the completion of other parts of the project.

The scope of work and plans need to go to state for review, which is on the agenda for the Board to consider later in the meeting. There is still opportunity to revise it. LAN had prepared the preliminary plan submission which will be sent to NYSED, who will review the project and determine the appropriate BAU's (Building Aid Units) to identify the proposed bond referendum's eligibility for building aid. The design is not set in stone at this point. The Board does not need to make decisions at this meeting on which option plan to choose, "A" or "B". Once the plan is submitted to NYSED, it will take 20-30 days before it will be reviewed by them. The review process should take 1-2 weeks. After the BAUs are determined, Fiscal Advisors will determine the cost of the project. At that point, the Board can make a final determination as to which plan option, "A" or "B", to move forward with.

Mrs. Green mentioned that community members have been told that this project will not increase the tax levy. The "B" option would allow the District to proceed with these options, as money would allow, while still not increasing the tax levy. It is important to follow through on what has been communicated to the community.

The Board thanked Mr. Milnamow for all the work he has done since the board workshop on September 26th, to make the changes to the plans that they had requested.

Mr. Connor reported that he attended the New York State Council of Superintendents Fall Conference on Sunday, September 25th only, as he had a team from our district meet with representatives from Saratoga Springs High School to review their STEM program, on Monday, September 26th. Kurtis Kotes, Robert McKiernan, Joe Fedor, Mike Calabese and Stephen Hill were in attendance with Mr. Connor. They took a 2.5-hour tour of the Saratoga Springs' facility. Mr. Connor also spoke with Mr. Eastwood, Superintendent of Middletown City School District, on his experience with starting a STEM program.

Mr. Pucci inquired whether the STEM program starts from the elementary level and works upward, or whether it starts in the secondary level and works its way down to the elementary level.

Mr. Kotes explained that Saratoga Springs uses a program called *Project Lead the Way*. It is a program that was started by Syracuse University 20 years ago, primarily at the high school level. In the past 5-6 years, a new elementary module has been produced. This elementary module involves concepts from biomedical, civil engineering, etc., to help build requisite skill necessary to be able to prepare students for the more advanced concepts found at the middle school and high school level. We already teach a lot of these skills already. The benefit of following a program like *Project Lead the Way* is they are affiliated with colleges, which will allow students to graduate with college credit as high school seniors. *Project lead the Way* is one program of many available. We will continue to look at other programs. We need to figure out the end goal for our students and make decisions accordingly to help them attain the goal.

Mr. Pucci inquired if there are summer camps for younger students with the program. Mr. Kotes responded that *Project Lead the Way* does not have a component for summer camps.

Mr. Connor stated that other STEM programs will be looked at and he will report back to the Board on the programs.

Shawn Maher was introduced to the Board of Education. He is the candidate for the long-term substitute Grade 7 social studies teacher position.

Some recent successful events that Mr. Connor reported on were: Hall of Fame ceremony, Homecoming, Academic Awards Letter Program (GHS), and All-Year Honor Roll Awards Barbeque (CJH).

Mr. Connor noted that the Board Goals and Objective Workshop would be on October 17th. Teri Reynold's from BOCES will be on hand to facilitate the workshop. He feels that it is important for the administrators, Mr. Miller, Mr. Kotes and himself to participate in the workshop with the Board. Mrs. Green agreed. She feels that the workshop allows for a great exchange of ideas and it is important to involve those who work on a daily basis with the goals and objectives the Board develops.

Board Recognition Week is October 24th -28th and will be acknowledged at the November 7th Board Meeting.

Mr. Miller noted that it is time to start to prepare for a new budget cycle. Included in the Board packet is a draft budget development calendar for review and adoption at the November 7th Board Meeting. The budget vote will be May 16, 2017.

Mr. Miller discussed with the Board the estimated impact to the 2017-2018 budget of the possible assessment changes for the Galleria and Target. Based on the information that Mr. Connor shared at the August 15th Board Meeting of his meeting with the Town of Wallkill Supervisor, the effect on tax rate would be 0.85%.

Mr. Miller sent the Goshen Library a letter informing them of his plan regarding the debt service of the \$950,000 borrowing. The District will be withholding \$9,215 from the amount of taxes the District collects on their behalf. Mr. Miller's plan is to deduct the interest from the second installment of tax payments to them, as they will have 90% of their tax money collected and it would be less of a financial hardship for them at that point. Mr. Miller received a letter back from the Goshen Library stating that they do not want the debt service to be taken out of the tax levy. They did not budget for the debt service. The Library would like to pay the interest out of the future bond borrowing. Mrs. Green inquired as to what the agreement between the Library and the District stipulated as the method of payment of the Library's debt service. She further stated that a lot of work was done on the agreement to protect the interests of the District. Mr. Miller was not sure the agreement addressed the method of repayment of the debt service. He asked for the Board's guidance on this issue, as the District will owe the Library the tax payment before the next Board Meeting on November 7th. The District could withhold the debt service payment from the Library's tax payment or send the Library a bill instead. Mr. Miller has sought out the advice of legal counsel, but has not heard back from them yet. The Board advised Mr. Miller to follow the advice of legal counsel once it is received.

Mr. Kotes announced that Goshen High School will host its first college fair on October 6th. It will begin with an advisory panel. Currently, 80 colleges/universities will have representatives in attendance to speak with junior and senior students. Chester and Florida districts will be sending their students to this event.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Michael Lorenzo, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Assistant
Superintendent for
Business' Report

Assistant
Superintendent for
Curriculum,
Instruction, Personnel
& Technology's Report

Consent Agenda:

Accept resignation: Kathryn D'Amato, food service helper, effective September 7, 2016.	Kathryn D'Amato
Accept resignation: Danielle Dziedzic, girls swimming club advisor, effective September 28, 2016.	Danielle Dziedzic
Approve medical leave of absence: Robert Frey, maintenance mechanic, is requesting a Medical Leave of Absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective September 26, 2016 through approximately October 10, 2016.	Robert Frey
Approve extension of medical leave of absence: Elizabeth Korycki, school bus driver, is requesting an extension of her medical leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective September 1, 2016 through on or about September 28, 2016.	Elizabeth Korycki
Approve extension of child care leave of absence: Meghan Castellane, AIS teacher, is requesting an extension of her child care leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective December 24, 2016 through on or about June 30, 2017.	Meghan Castellane
Approve change of appointment: Carol Larca, leave replacement AIS teacher, from long-term substitute to leave replacement, at a salary of \$51,312 (B-1 on GTA salary schedule), effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. She has Initial B-2 and 1-6 certifications. Ms. Larca is filling the child care leave of absence for Meghan Castellane	Carol Larca
Approve appointment: Shawn Maher, long-term substitute Grade 7 social studies teacher, at a salary of \$256.56 / diem (B-1 on GTA salary schedule), effective on or about October 31, 2016 to January 31, 2017 or until teacher returns. He has Initial SS 7-12 and Initial SWD SS 7-12 certifications. Mr. Maher is filling the child care leave of absence for Janine Robinson.	Shawn Maher
Approve appointment: Ann Picchione, retired substitute clerical, at a salary of \$85/day, as needed, effective October 4, 2016. Ms. Picchione is retired as a senior account clerk in the PPS office. She will be providing training to the new account clerk.	Ann Picchione
Approve appointment: Justin Melchiori, custodial worker, at a salary of \$32,034 (prorated) (Step A of the CSEA salary schedule), effective October 28, 2016. He is a substitute custodial worker for the District. Mr. Melchiori is replacing Bonnie Miller.	Justin Melchiori
Approve appointment: Therese Urato, special education 1:1 teacher aide, at a salary of \$13.20/hr. for 5 ¾ hrs. per day effective September 21, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year. She is currently a substitute teacher in the District. Ms. Urato is filling the position created at the September 6, 2016 Board meeting, to meet the IEP of a student attending St. John Elementary School.	Therese Urato
Approve appointment: Sophie Szarwark, senior food service helper at a salary of \$19,968 (prorated), Step A on CSEA salary schedule, effective October 4, 2016. She will retain her rights back to her food service helper position until she completes her probationary period as a senior food service helper, as per civil service law. Ms. Szarwark is replacing Kelly Wood.	Sophie Szarwark
Approve appointment: Megan Giusto, food service helper, at a salary of \$13.20/hr. for 3 hrs. /day, effective October 4, 2016. Ms. Giusto is replacing Kathryn D'Amato.	Megan Giusto
Approve appointment: Shawn Maher, substitute teacher at a salary of \$85.00/diem, as needed, effective October 4, 2016. He has Initial SS 7-12 and Initial SWD SS 7-12 certifications.	Shawn Maher
Approve appointment: Belinda Byman, substitute school bus monitor, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective October 4, 2016.	Belinda Byman
Approve appointment: Heidi Seligman, substitute food service helper, at a salary of \$9.00/hr. for 3 hrs. / day, as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective October 4, 2016.	Heidi Seligman
Approve appointment: Xeriss Ruffy, substitute food service helper, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective October 4, 2016.	Xeriss Ruffy
Approve appointment: Alfred Freund, tutor, at a salary of \$32.35/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective October 4, 2016. He has Permanent Mathematics 7-12 certification.	Alfred Freund
Approve appointment: Jacqueline DeSantis as Evening High School substitute security at a salary of \$62.55/per evening, for 3 hours per evening, as needed, effective September 26, 2016 for the 2016/2017 school year.	Jacqueline DeSantis

Approve extra compensation: Eileen Lotito, special education teacher at a salary of \$79.08/ period, per GTA contract, effective September 12, 2016 to June 30, 2017. She is currently a special education teacher in the District assigned to work in John S. Burke High School. Ms. Lotito will be teaching an extra class to meet the needs of the increased number students requiring special education services at John S. Burke High School.

Eileen Lotito

Approve extra compensation: Aileen Behringer, special education teacher at a salary of \$79.08/ period, per GTA contract, effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. She is currently a special education teacher in the District. Ms. Behringer will be teaching an extra class to meet the needs of the increased number students requiring special education services.

Aileen Behringer

Approve obsolete equipment – A list of items is attached to the official minutes on file in the District Clerk’s office.

Obsolete Equipment

CSE/CPSE

CSE/CPSE
Recommendations

- Subcommittee on Special Education 08/31/16;116530/Classified
09/14/16;121147/Classified
- Committee on Preschool Special Ed 09/09/16;120481/Classified Preschool
- Subcommittee on Special Education 08/29/16;121114/Classified
- Committee on Special Education 08/31/16;119457/Classified PP NR
09/21/16;121136/Classified
- Subcommittee on Special Education 09/14/16;120981/Classified PP NR
09/16/16;117793/Classified
- Committee on Special Education 09/14/16;119195/Classified
- Subcommittee on Special Education 08/31/16;118689/Classified
- Committee on Preschool Special Ed 09/21/16;120288/Classified Preschool
09/19/16;120842/Classified Preschool
- Committee on Preschool Special Ed 09/15/16;121164/Classified Preschool

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the payment of tax certiorari judgment awarded to GAM Property Corp, Town of Goshen (SBL 122-1-11 & 122-1-5.22) as per the court order entered in the Office of the Clerk of Orange County Supreme Court on May 2nd and May 27th and served upon the District on September 15, 2016 in the amount of \$51,594.26 for the 2015/2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to fund said tax certiorari judgment refund that budgetary appropriations for the 2016/2017 school year be increased by \$51,594.26 (A1964.4051) and that the \$51,594.26 be transferred to the General Fund Budget from the Tax Certiorari Reserve as the offsetting source of revenue.

Tax Certiorari – GAM
Property Corp.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Allison Salte and seconded by Jeremy Cassel upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Phase I of the payment of the tax certiorari judgment awarded to Al Turi Landfill, Inc., Town of Goshen, as per the court order entered in the Office of the Clerk of Orange County Supreme Court on September 8, 2016 and served upon the District on September 13, 2016. Said settlement payment to be paid as follows:

Tax Certiorari – Al
Turi Landfill

Corso and Corso Investment	\$ 560,263.96
Commissioner of Finance, County of Orange	\$ 562,296.00
Commissioner of Finance, County of Orange	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
Total	\$2,622,559.96

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to fund said tax certiorari judgement refund that budgetary appropriations for the 2016/2017 school year be increased by \$2,622,559.96 (A 1964.4051) and that the \$2,622,559.96 be transferred to the General Fund Budget from the Tax Certiorari Reserve as the offsetting source of revenue.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the assessment corrections as specified by the Orange County Supreme and County Courts as summarized and to direct the Tax Collector to take the necessary actions in accordance with Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) for John & Patricia Amante (Goshen) SBL 125-1-18 in the amount of \$681.56; Joseph & Tammy Lawless (Goshen) SBL 9-1-18.5 in the amount of \$511.16; Gerald & Lynn Losgar (Goshen) SBL 4-1-4.2 in the amount of \$672.59; John & Patricia Luedke (Goshen) SBL 3-1-17.31 in the amount of \$4,681.16; Muhammed & Farkhanda Malik (Goshen) SBL 4-1-84 in the amount of \$765.85; Thomas & Laura Mullane (Goshen) SBL 10-1-92 in the amount of \$582.91; Charles L Murphy (Goshen) SBL 102-3-3.3 in the amount of \$466.32; Edward & Athea Paynter (Goshen) SBL 18-1-133 in the amount of \$1,120.97; Barton & Suzanne Schindler (Goshen) SBL 17-3-9 in the amount of \$527.30 for the 2016/2017 tax year.

AYES-6 NAYS-0 ABSTAIN-1 (Mullane) Motion carried.

SCARs

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Correction of Error awarded to Orange & Rockland Utilities, Town of Goshen SBL 555-1-14 as per the Office of Real Property in the amount of \$3,326.86 (A1001) for the 2016-2017 school year.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Correction of Error –
Orange & Rockland

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that an account for the LGBTQ Fund be established within the Extra Classroom Activity Fund at the Goshen High School and that the LGBTQ Advisors be authorized to sign disbursement orders, receipts and otherwise oversee this account in accordance with District Policy and the Procedures outlined in the New York State Education Department Guidelines entitled, “The Safe Guarding, Accounting and Auditing of Extra Classroom Activity Funds”. The faculty advisors are Lyn Abrams and Elly Knieriemen.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Opening
Extraclassroom
Activity Fund at GHS –
LGBTQ Alliance

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jason Pucci, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) account within the Extra Classroom Activity Fund at Goshen High School be closed due to inactivity and any funds remaining be transferred to the LGBTQ Extra Classroom Activity Fund Account at Goshen High School.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Closing
Extraclassroom
Activity Fund at GHS –
SADD

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Earth Science student trip to Peru & Galapagos Islands during the 2017-2018 Spring Break (March 22, 2018-April 1, 2018). BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any school-sponsored trip or activity in the event of any emergency condition outside of the control of the School District, in its sole discretion.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Earth Science Trip to
Peru & Galapagos
Islands

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Allison Salte, WHEREAS the Goshen Central School District applied for a Fuel Up to Play 60 School Nutrition Equipment Grant in the amount of \$4,893 through the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council for the purchase of School Lunch Fund equipment; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the grant money and authorizes that the 2016-2017 budget be increased by an amount of \$4,893 to be appropriated to account code C2860.201 and that the offsetting source of revenue be placed in Revenue Account Code C2770.

Cafeteria Grant – Fuel
Up to Play 60

Mr. Pucci inquired what kind of equipment is associated with this grant. Mr. Miller responded that it will be display equipment which will hopefully entice students to purchase more lunches thereby increasing sales.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves entering into an Agreement with Marilyn McDonald to provide substitute Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant Services, on an as needed basis, for special education students effective October 4, 2016 through close of business on June 23, 2017, in the amount of \$40.00 per hour, for up to 35 hours a week. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Agreement. A copy of said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

COTA Agreement –
Marilyn McDonald

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Michael Lorenzo, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards the bid for Contract #14 Incline Lift Replacement at CJ Hooker Middle School to Standback General Contractors, LLC, 1161 Little Britain Road, New Windsor, NY 12553 as follows:

ADA Chair Lift
Replacement Bid
Award

Project #4406-01-04-0-001-014 Incline Lift Replacement at CJ Hooker School \$ 45,190

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves entering into the contract for the Inclined Lift Replacement with Standback General Contractors, LLC, 1161 Little Britain Road, New Windsor, NY 12553 and authorizes the Board of Education President to execute the contract subject to the receipt of performance bond and other documents required by the bid specifications.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves entering into an Agreement for Services with Carolyn Carsley to provide Special Education Itinerant to a special education student during the 2016-2017 School Year at a rate of \$90.00 per hour. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Agreement. A copy of said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Special Education
Itinerant Services
Agreement – Carolyn
Carsley

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Michael Lorenzo, WHEREAS, the Board of Education is contemplating a capital project to address improvements to Goshen High School, district-wide IT infrastructure improvements, and other various district-wide capital improvements (“Capital Project”) to be submitted to the voters at a special district meeting; WHEREAS, the Board has previously authorized LAN Associates to commence pre-referendum services, including beginning the schematic design process on the proposed Capital Project, on an hourly basis, at a cost not to exceed \$73,000 for such services; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes LAN Associates to submit the preliminary schematic plan submission for the proposed additions, renovations, and site improvements to Goshen High School, district-wide IT infrastructure improvements, and other various district-wide capital improvements, as per scope of work dated September 30, 2016 entitled “Scope of Work”, to the assigned project manager at the New York State Education Department.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Preliminary Schematic
Plan Submission to
NYSED

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the financial audit report for the year ended June 30, 2016 as presented by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. on October 3, 2016.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

2015-2016 Financial
Audit Report

The Board acknowledged the following generous donations:

- A flute, electric guitar and amplifier by Arlene and Tim Anderson.
- 40 Waterman ukuleles by Kala Brand Music, Co. which were won in a Facebook contest by Cathy Frahme, ukulele club advisor at Goshen High School.

Donations

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

A community member asked where the additional \$2 million to be added to the capital reserve fund came from. Mr. Miller replied that monies transferred to the reserve fund is a result of the difference between revenue and expenditures. The community member further asked if the monies are from surplus tax levy collected that was not spent. Mr. Miller replied that it is.

The community member inquired if the STEM program involves all students or if it is a program focused on a select group of students. Mr. Kotes replied that that decision will need to be made and can be better addressed once a program is selected. Most programs available are structured such that requisite skills are taught to all students through 5th grade and the subject matter is more elective for students as they reach higher grade levels. The community member asked if the cost of a STEM program involves training of staff. Mr. Kotes discussed *Project Lead the Way*, as an example, that requires 1 turnkey trainer from each school building to receive training to be the direct liaison to the other teaching staff. In addition, *Project Lead the Way* will provide on-site training at the onset to the schools.

The community leader asked if the Board was leaning toward option “A” or option “B” for the capital project. Mrs. Green replied that it is too early to make a decision. Mr. Connor noted that they need to wait to find out what the state aid is on the project to make that decision.

Mrs. Green mentioned the recent cardboard project in Chester School District and how it involved children working in small groups to solve a problem together, much like the STEM programs teach this type of skill to students.

Mr. Pucci wondered if parts of a STEM program could be instituted soon for the children to start working on. Mr. Connor mentioned that there is a STEM themed summer camp in Chester which some of our students attend. Mr. Pucci noted that we should consider having a camp as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. on a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jeremy Cassel. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Farrell
District Clerk

Board Member Issues

Meeting Adjourned